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Applicant: Ashkenazi, et al. Docket No.: 39780-1618P2C7
Serial No.: 09/904,485 Group Art Unit: 1647
Filing Date: July 13, 2001 Examiner: Christine J. Saoud
For: **SECRETED TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC
ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

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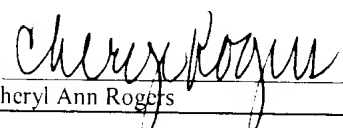
Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 15, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 within the two month date of the shortened statutory period set for the response.

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